Meeting Minutes

Council-Citizens Committee Marina Park Design

Location: Council Chambers 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Welcome and Introduction Mayor Pro Tem Henn convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The following persons were in attendance:

Committee Members

- Mayor Pro Tem Michael Henn (Chair)
- Council Member Don Webb
- Tom Billings (Protect Our Parks)
- John Corrough (Harbor Commissioner)
- Grace Dove (Neighborhood Rep.)
- Bill Garrett (Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commissioner)
- Jon Reynolds (American Legion Post 291)
- Tom Olivas (Rep. for Girl Scout Council of Orange County)
- Billy Whitford (Rep. for sailing or rowing organization)

Committee Members Absent

• Council Member Ed Selich

City Staff

- Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager
- Dave Webb, Deputy Public Works Director
- Chris Miller, Harbor Resources Manager
- Mark Reader, Public Works
- Rosalinh Ung, Associate Planner
- Sean Levin, Recreation and Senior Services
- Laura Detweiler, Recreation and Senior Services Director
- Kim Rieff, Department Assistant

Consultants

• Dan Herman, Rabben/Herman Design

Members of the public

- Ed Dillon
- Herbert Williams
- Joe O'Hora
- Lisa Jenkins
- Craig Morissette

2. Approve Minutes of Past Meetings (All)

The minutes from the meeting of March 23, 2009, were approved.

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3. Public Comment – Non Agenda Items

No Comments.

4. Update Items:

A. Status of Environmental Impact Report

Ms. Ung said there are a lot of improvements. When it was discussed at the last meeting we were at the end of the draft EIR. After the period closed there were a total of 15 comment letters from different agencies, homeowners associations, committees and private residents. The comments triggered further analysis for the project including additional technical studies. Most of the studies are on the construction of the marina. As a result, the draft EIR document required re-circulation. Since then further analysis and technical studies have been completed, the document has been circulated and public comment has closed. A total of 11 comment letters were received. Staff will be drafting the responses to the comments and presenting them to the City Council, including the final EIR document for certification at the first meeting in May.

B. Status of Southern California Edison property purchase

Mr. Dave Webb said the City has started discussions with Southern California Edison and they are interested in selling the property. The property was shown in a PowerPoint presentation. He said part of the concept plan was to include the vacant property into the park. It was presented to City Council recently and they gave permission to start negotiations on getting a purchase and sale agreement on the property. Mr. Webb said that the purchase of the property would not affect Phase I and II of the project.

C. Project Schedule

Mr. Webb said there are two project schedules and they start at the same point. If Council decided to do Phase I it could be completed by August 2011. If they do Phase II it will take a little longer and could be done by October 2011. Should Council decide to go with Phase III the construction could be completed by May 2013. Chairman Henn said all this depends on the Coastal Commission.

Mr. Williams said he doesn't disagree with the schedule, the purpose, or anything that the City is going forward with. He said he doesn't believe that the residents should be exited prematurely.

D. Grant/Loan Possibilities

Mr. Miller said the City applied for a grant through the National Boating and Waterways for the pump out facility. This grant covers facilities such as Marina Park. The Federal portion covers 75% of it and there is no State portion. The City would have to come up with the extra 25%.

Mr. Reader said through the National Boating Infrastructure there is a Federal Grant that is available and we believe the City would be eligible for up to \$1.5 million in grant funds. The stipulation the agency has is that boats over 26 feet in length coming into a marina have a stay of two weeks or less. The grant will fund the total construction cost of the marina. Because the City is a public entity, it will pursue another loan opportunity through the California Department of Boating and Waterways as well.

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Adjourn & Set Next Meeting
No meeting date was set at this time. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.